

This week we start our 'Year of Prayer' **Lent Course**, 'Finding God in all things' An Ignatian Journey. Please see over for meeting times.

If you will be giving up anything for Lent, please offer your savings to our **Lent Appeal** which will support the work of USPG which this year is raising funds with the church in India to help set communities free from debt slavery. For more info please see the posters at the back of church or <http://www.uspg.org.uk/lent/lentappeal/>

Garden Design Workshop run by local Garden Designer, Andrew Morris: This Sat (24th) 2.00 - 4.30pm in our hall. Come along to find out how you can improve the overall look and feel of your garden by following simple design principles. For further details, email Andrew at insideoutconcept@me.com. To book a place and buy tickets, at £7 each which includes refreshments, email Diane at dianesmail@talktalk.net. **Volunteers** to make cakes/tray bakes for the refreshments would be appreciated. Please let Diane Mead know if you can help in this way.

Orders can be placed for **Real Easter Eggs** (these come with Easter Story-Activity book & choc buttons). £3.99 each. See Anne for more details.

Churches Together AGM: Tues 27th Feb at 7pm, for 7.30pm start, in the new St Luke's Hall in Stone Quarry, RH193EP. Guest Speaker will be Fairtrade Jeweller, Greg Valerio. Wine and Nibbles provided as well as FT food and craft stalls. Please see notice in the hall.

Women's World Day of Prayer on Fri 2nd March with services at St John's, Felbridge at 10.30 am and 8 pm. The service has been put together by the Christian women of Suriname. All welcome (even men!). See posters or Christine J (Tel: 325823) for more information.

Working Party in church oak tree garden: Sat 3rd March from 9.30am until 11.30am: As you may remember we won a Gold Award in last year's South and South East in Bloom, but to have a chance of being this successful again our work on the garden must now begin! There is plenty of weeding and tidying to be done, so please speak with Anne if you can lend a hand - many hands make light work! Please bring your own tools. Any time you can spare will be much appreciated and refreshments will be provided.

The Big Fairtrade Breakfast: Please join us on Sun 4th March for breakfast in the hall from 8.45 - 9.45am to celebrate Fairtrade fortnight. If you can come, please let Anne (anne.stone44@googlemail.com) or Hilary (07810 785311) know by **Sun 25th February** so we have an idea of numbers. £2.50 per head, just pay on the door.

On Tues 6th March **our church is prayed** for across the Diocese. We are invited to attend **Evensong at the Cathedral** at 5.30pm on that day, preceded by a guided tour before tea at 4.30pm in the Cloister Café. Please **sign-up** if you would like to go, indicating whether you need or can provide a lift, and whether you would like to have guided tour and/or tea.

We would be grateful of **donations** to buy flowers etc. to make posies for Mothering Sunday. Also, we would appreciate **volunteers** to help with this task please, on Sat 10th March from 11 am in the hall. Small pieces of **fresh greenery** would also be helpful for the posies (but not laurel or ivy). Please speak with Karen B (410718) if you can help in any of these ways. *Thank you!*

Please see inside the Bulletin for the Intercessions.

Welcome to Saint Mary's, East Grinstead Sunday 18th February 2018 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Services: 8 am Mass 10 am THE PARISH MASS <i>Hymns: NEH 67, 383, 83, 65</i>
Monday 19 th February Feria of Lent
Tuesday 20 th February Feria of Lent <i>9.45 am Whole School Collective Worship in church</i>
Wednesday 21 st February The Saints and Martyrs of Africa 8 pm Lent Course Session 1 in the Vestry
Thursday 22 nd February Feria of Lent 9.30 am Mass <i>Church open</i> <i>10.15 am Coffee & Craft Group meet in hall</i>
Friday 23 rd February St Polycarp, Bp of Smyrna, M, c155 <i>9 am Morning Prayer in church</i> 10 am Lent Course Session 1 in the Vestry <i>5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church</i>
Saturday 24 th February Feria of Lent <i>2.00 - 4.30 pm Garden Design workshop in hall</i>
Sunday 25th February 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT 8 am Mass 10 am THE PARISH MASS <i>Readings: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10</i>

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Please join us for coffee/tea after the 10am Mass, in the hall.